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**Re: RCRA Corrective Action Permit  
General Electric Company  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

Dear Regional Administrator Varney:

On July 18, 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued to General Electric Company (GE) a permit (the 2000 Permit) pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The 2000 Permit was issued as part of the settlement embodied in the Consent Decree filed in *United States, et al. v. General Electric Co.*, No. 99-30225, *et seq.* (D. Mass). The Permit was issued for a ten-year term and took effect upon the Court's approval of the Consent Decree on October 27, 2000. Accordingly, the Permit will expire on October 27, 2010.

EPA has informed GE that EPA is currently planning to authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to administer the RCRA corrective action program in that State. EPA has further informed GE that EPA and the State are in agreement that EPA should continue to take responsibility for the 2000 Permit, and that to ensure the continued lead role of EPA regarding the 2000 Permit, the Permit needs to be reissued by EPA for a longer term, prior to the date the State is authorized to issue new corrective action permits. EPA therefore has requested that GE seek revocation and reissuance of the 2000 Permit to extend the term of that permit for an additional ten years. EPA has further informed GE that the State concurs in that request.

General Condition I.C of the 2000 Permit provides that the permit may not be modified or revoked and reissued prior to its expiration date unless, *inter alia*, GE and EPA agree in writing to that action. GE agrees to the revocation and reissuance of the 2000 Permit *solely* for the purpose of extending the term of the Permit. Accordingly, GE requests, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 270.41, that EPA revoke and reissue the 2000 Permit to extend the term of the Permit to ten years from the effective date of the reissued permit.

Sincerely yours,

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